

Nevada grant program funds water quality improvement projects

CARSON CITY, NV – The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection recently awarded grant funding to improve conditions of the state's surface waters. The selected projects were submitted during the 2016 319(h) request for proposal (RFP) process. A total of 12 projects will receive funding to improve water quality, educate Nevada's citizens about nonpoint source pollution and implement watershed improvement plans aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution impacts.

Nonpoint source water pollution occurs when rain, snowmelt and irrigation water flows over developed or disturbed land, carrying with it contaminants such as oil, sediment, pesticides, bacteria and nutrients. This contaminated water makes its way into Nevada's waterways either directly or through storm drains.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program provides funds for surface water improvement projects to qualifying state agencies, regional agencies, counties, conservation districts and nonprofit organizations. Nonpoint Source Grant Program funds originate from a US Environmental Protection Agency grant pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

Additional grant funding is expected to be made available through the 2017 RFP process in July 2017.

Grant funding has been awarded to the entities listed below:

2016 319(h) Applicants		
Implementation Projects		
Entity	Proposal Name	Funding Awarded
Nevada Tahoe Conservation District	Incline Village Green Infrastructure Project	\$150,000.00
Carson City Department of Public Works	Ash Canyon Erosion and Sediment Control 2017	\$10,000.00
Carson Valley Conservation District	Bank Stabilization on East Fork Carson River	\$34,250.00
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Nevada Lake Tahoe TMDL/BMP Implementation	\$150,000.00
Nevada Division of Forestry	Big Bend Ecosystem Health Improvement	\$19,615.68
Dayton Valley Conservation District	Mid Carson River Repair/Maintenance 010C & 111C	\$112,000.00
Public Outreach Projects		
Entity	Proposal Name	Funding Awarded
Sierra Nevada Journeys	Sierra Nevada Journey's Watershed Initiative 2016	\$70,000.00
Carson Water Subconservancy District	CWSD Watershed Literacy Implementation Phase III	\$77,383.00
Southern Nevada Water Authority	Initiatives to Reduce NPS Pollution in So. NV 2016	\$39,750.00
Carson Water Subconservancy District	CWSD Environmental Education Program	\$50,000.00
Nevada Outdoor School	Water Smart Kids	\$10,850.00
Clark County Water Reclamation District	Clark County NPS Pollution Outreach and Education Program 2016 - 2017	\$47,000.00

For any questions or more information, please contact Birgit Henson, Supervisor, Nonpoint Source Program, Bureau of Water Quality Planning, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection at 775-687-9550, email bhenson@ndep.nv.gov or find more information and an award list at the Bureau's webpage at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/index.htm>.